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**Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following Related Applications paragraph at page 1, line 3:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/IB2005/000946, filed March 17, 2005 and published in English, which claims priority to Great Britain Application No. 0406013.3, filed March 17, 2004. The teachings of the above applications are incorporated in their entirety by reference.

Please add the following Abstract of the Disclosure at page 31:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention is based on the use of solid phase extraction for separating conjugated saccharide from unconjugated saccharide in sample, *e.g.* a vaccine. Solid phase extraction (SPE) provides faster and more reproducible separation of conjugated saccharides from unconjugated saccharides, thereby allowing quantitative separation of these saccharides. The separation of conjugated and unconjugated saccharide using SPE may be advantageously combined with a quantitative conjugate analysis to provide improved quality control for conjugate vaccines. The SPE separation is compatible with existing quantitative conjugate analysis techniques, such as high performance anion exchange chromatography with pulsed amperometric detection (HPAEC-PAD).

Attachment: Page 31 consisting of the Abstract of the Disclosure